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Applicant: Yoshiki YASUDA Conf.: 8418  
Appl. No.: 09/837,174 Group: 2878  
Filed: April 19, 2001 Examiner: K. PYO  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Request for Continued Examination filed on February 7, 2003, the following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

--12. (New) A photocoupling device comprising:

an input section having a plurality of light emitting elements and lead terminals for supplying a drive current to the light emitting elements; and